

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete, marked-up listing of revised claims with a status identifier in parenthesis, underlined text indicating insertions, and strike through and/or double-bracketed text indicating deletions.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for carrying out a clinical study involving a patient, comprising:

storing on a memory, study-related data associated with a protocol of the clinical study;

storing, on the memory, patient-related data associated with the patient and the clinical study;

reading by a computer associated with a non-study doctor assigned to the patient at least one of the study-related data and the patient-related data, wherein

the memory is a computer readable storage medium, and

the memory is one of (1) a portable memory device transported by the patient and (2) part of a data network with limited access, the limited access being authorized by the patient.

2. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of the study-related data and the patient-related data are stored in the memory by a study doctor.

3. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the non-study doctor reads at least one of the study-related data and the patient-related data from the memory before an interaction with the patient.

4. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the study-related data and the patient-related data are stored in the memory with standardized structuring.

5. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein clear instructions to the non-study doctor are stored as study-related data.

6. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of the study-related data and the patient-related data are assigned to various classes, and the non-study doctor reads only information of one class out from the memory.

7. (Currently Amended) An information system for a clinical study on a patient, comprising:

a memory to store at least one of study-related and patient-related data, the memory being a computer-readable medium assigned to the patient, the memory being one of (1) a portable memory device transported by the patient and (2) part of a data network with limited access, the limited access being authorized by the patient;

a data input device to input data being stored in the memory; and
a data reading device to read the data out from the memory, the data reading device being accessible by a non-study doctor assigned to the patient.

8. (Previously Presented) The information system as claimed in claim 7, wherein the memory is portable.

9. (Currently Amended) The information system as claimed in claim 7, wherein the memory is part of a the data network, to which data input and output devices are connectable and wherein the patient authorization is required for access to the data.

10. (Previously Presented) The information system as claimed in claim 7, wherein the data reading device is portable.

11. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the non-study doctor reads at least one of the study-related data and the patient-related data from the memory before an interaction with the patient.

12. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein at least one of the study-related data and the patient-related data are stored in the memory with standardized structuring.

13. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein

clear instructions to the non-study doctor are stored as study-related data.

14. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein at least one of the study-related data and the patient-related data are assigned to various classes, and the non-study doctor reads only information of one class out from the memory.

15. (Previously Presented) The information system as claimed in claim 8, wherein the data reading device is portable.

16. (Previously Presented) The information system as claimed in claim 9, wherein the data reading device is portable.

17. (Currently Amended) An information system for a clinical study on a patient, comprising:

memory means for storing at least one of study-related and patient-related data the memory means being assigned to the patient, the memory being a computer-readable medium assigned to the patient, the memory means being one of (1) a portable memory device transported by the patient and (2) part of a data network with limited access, the limited access being authorized by the patient;

input means for storing data in the memory means; and

reading means for reading the data from the memory means, the reading means being accessible by a non-study doctor assigned to the patient.

18. (Previously Presented) The information system as claimed in claim 17, wherein the memory means is portable.

19. (Currently Amended) The information system as claimed in claim 17, wherein the memory means is part of a the data network, to which data input and output devices are connectable and wherein the patient authorization is required for access to the data.

20. (Previously Presented) The information system as claimed in claim 17, wherein the reading means is portable.

21. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the non-study doctor is a doctor who is at least one of not associated to the clinical study and external to the clinical study.

22. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the clinical study is conducted to test at least one of medicaments, methods of surgical intervention, therapies, and diagnostic devices.

23. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the method further includes,

displaying, by the computer, at least one of the study-related and the patient-related data to the non-study doctor.